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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

PANEL ON GEOPHYSICS

April 4, 1963

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND ADVISORS

SUBJECT: Chairman's Notes on Panel Trip to Alaska of March 17-22

Members and Advisors Present: Fultz, Elvey, Edson, Dinneen, McDonnel, Reed, Rice, Norton, Smith, Villard, Wrigley

Members and Advisors Absent: Porter, Kellogg, Shapley, Wheelon, Kaplan

Other Participants: Dr. Martineau, OSD, Col. Fletcher, Lt. Col. Fava, Lt. Col. East, Lt. Col. McFarland, Lt. Col. Howard, and Captain Klick, USAF

The Panel: On March 18 at Elmendorf AFB heard briefings on the Alaskan Command, the Alaskan Air Command, were issued Arctic clothing, and through the courtesy of General Bowman were flown to all other installations by military aircraft, departing Elmendorf via Susitna Valley, south side of Alaskan Range, Fort Greeley to Fort Jonathan Wainwright.

On March 19 at Fairbanks upon invitation of President William R. Wood, heard and discussed the research program and future plans of the University of Alaska, and attended a reception at Fort Jonathan Wainwright tendered by Vice President Elvey of the University.

On March 20 flew to BMEWS Station Clear, and inspected the installation in the morning; in the afternoon flew to Point Barrow, Alaska via the Ramparts of the Yukon River, Anaktuvuk Pass in Brooks Range and Umiat.

On March 20 and 21 discussed with the Director and Staff of the Arctic Research Lab. at Point Barrow their program and plans, inspected the Laboratory facilities, Station POW Main of the Dew Line, and visited Barrow Village.

On March 21 flew over the Dew Line stations along the Arctic Coast between Point Barrow and Barter Island, thence south over the Brooks Range in the vicinity of Lake Peters, down the East Fork of the Chandalar, over Alaska Village, Fort Yukon, and Livengood, to Fort Wainwright, and thence to Elmendorf AF Base.

On March 22 and 23 Elvey, Fletcher, and Smith visited Eilson Air Force Base, the Nimbus tracking station at Gilmore Creek, and conferred with the officials of the University and members of the research staff at the Geophysical Institute.

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Pursuant to the suggestion in my memo of January 2, 1963, members and participants in the trip to Alaska were requested to record at the close of the trip their impressions and comments on nine questions of interest to the Air Force on the present and future activities in Alaska, with a view to improving the usefulness of the SAB to the Air Force, and particularly improving the timeliness of SAB comments to the Air Force.

To date, 6 members of the party have so responded. Those who have not should do so promptly so that the papers can be circulated to all Panel members prior to the next meeting now tentatively scheduled for May 14-16 at NORAD and environs. At this time the Panel can discuss these comments, and take any appropriate further action. Col. Howard expects to complete arrangements and issue itinerary and agenda for this meeting at an early date.

Your chairman has written letters of appreciation on behalf of the Panel to General Bowman, President Wood, Dr. Brewer, and others in Alaska who made the mission possible.



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